



National Hispanic
Media Coalition

June 5, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* disclosure pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b) in WC Docket No. 17-108 *Restoring Internet Freedom*; and WC Docket No. 11-42, *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 1, 2017, Gloria Tristani, Carmen Scurato and I of the National Hispanic Media Coalition met with Chairman Ajit Pai and his economic advisor, Jay Schwarz, regarding the above-referenced proceedings.

Ms. Tristani expressed our strong support for net neutrality and the consumer protections identified in the *2015 Open Internet Order*. She explained that the order was an important milestone in protecting consumer rights because it identified the FCC as the proper agency to manage consumer complaints. She also urged the Chairman to consider the impact on consumers in the event that the FTC, which currently lacks jurisdiction, is unable adequately address consumer complaints while the FCC relinquished authority to create enforceable rules under Title II.

Additionally, Ms. Tristani explained why public interest factors like affordability and equal access should be carefully considered as part of the cost benefit analysis proposed in the current NPRM.

Ms. Scurato also urged the Chairman to consider the impact that reclassification of broadband as a Title I service could have on the Lifeline broadband program. Lifeline is a vital resource that helps connect low-income families and underserved communities to broadband. NHMC believes that Title II provides the FCC with the strongest legal authority to include stand-alone broadband as a supported service in the Lifeline program.

I respectfully submit this notice of ex parte meeting pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

Francella Ochillo
Policy Counsel

CC: Chairman Ajit Pai
Jay Schwarz